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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. A-2-6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
PHILIP E. EGGERS et al.)
Application No.: *unassigned*)
Filed: *herewith*)
For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING ARTICULAR)
CARTILAGE DEFECTS (as amended))
)

Examiner: *unassigned*

Art Unit: *unassigned*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant is filing this divisional application in response to the restriction requirement mailed May 3, 1999 in parent application no. 09/177,861. Claims 80-99 below were Group II from said restriction requirement. Applicant is also adding claims 100-109. Please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

AI On page 1, please delete the title and insert -SYSTEM FOR TREATING
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS-

A2 On page 12, line 11, insert - Fig. 25 is a detailed cross-sectional view of the
distal end of an electrosurgical probe illustrating an electrode arrangement suitable for
smoothing of tissue structures-